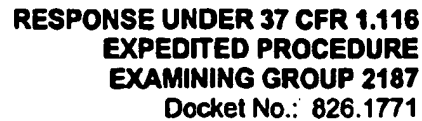


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This is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 26, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on October 26, 2004.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 26, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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